

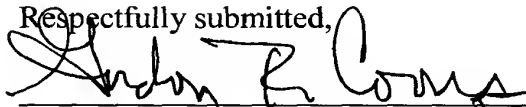
In re Appln. of Ding et al.
Corres. to Int'l. Appln. No. PCT/GB00/03964

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 and 32-34 are now pending in the present application. Claims 4-14, 17-26 and 32 have been amended to remove the multiple dependency of the claims. Claims 28 and 31 have been cancelled as they were in improper form for U.S. patent practice. Claims 29 and 30 were dependent upon cancelled claim 28 and have been rewritten as new claims 33 and 34. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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